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Beauty, brains meld in these cheerleaders

Former 76ers cheerleader founded group for geeks on professional cheer squads ◗ Scientists, engineers, psychologists turn tables on stereotypes

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▶ Members of the "Science Cheerleader" squad helped set the Guinness World Record for largest cheer last year in Trenton, N.J.

Pocket protectors and pom-poms have little in common.

But Science Cheerleaders, a group of former and current NFL and NBA cheerleaders whose high IQs match their high kicks, unites the two.

The organization was created by happy accident, when Darlene Cavalier, a former 76ers cheerleader, posted a public outreach campaign with George Mason University on her website that advocated for reopening a congressional tech office. Featuring video shorts of 76ers cheerleaders rattling off scientific facts, it drew a huge response.

"An image of what you might think of a professional cheerleader — it's a very strong stereotype. At the same time, what you would think of as the typical scientist is a strong stereotype and they don't go together in peoples' minds."
FOUNDER DARLENE CAVALIER

"I started to hear from NFL and NBA cheerleaders with science degrees who said, 'I want to get involved.' I never imagined it would turn into what it turned into," she said, which includes the site, as well as traveling performances, community service and science education and outreach events. Many members are motivated by the chance to be role models for girls, who are underrepresented in the fields of math, science and technology.

"I remember being the only girl on math team and in the science club growing up," said Erin Donnelly, a former St. Louis Rams cheerleader who is working on her fifth degree, a doctorate in clinical psychology. "It is fantastic to be able to come forward, break down stereotypes and show cheerleaders have more than is expected or readily available on the surface."

"We need these types of organizations so the younger generation can realize you can be cool, beautiful and still be a nerd — they're not mutually exclusive," said Jennifer Hill, former Tennessee Titans cheerleader and a Nissan engineer.

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More than spirit

The Science Cheerleaders have many accomplished academics in their ranks.

- A Villanova cheerleader is finding ways to use gold nanoparticles to treat pancreatic cancer.
- A former St. Louis Rams cheerleader with a geology postdoctorate is renowned for her earthquake studies and is often interviewed as an expert.
- Another former St. Louis Rams cheerleader attends Columbia's medical school and is about to start her surgical rotation. She has been published in several peer-reviewed journals.

The organization has also:

- With the National Science Foundation, the NFL and NBC Sports, co-produced an Emmy-winning educational video series about the science of NFL football.
- Led a group of Pop Warner cheerleaders in breaking the Guinness Book of World Records' largest cheer. It was about science.

Rapist sought in Center City attack

CENTER CITY. A sketch of a man wanted for raping a woman near North 16th and Race streets last week was released yesterday by police, who are seeking help from the public in finding the unidentified man.

The victim, 32, was sexually assaulted while walking on the 100 block of North Mole Street by a clean shaven black man with two-hooped earrings in both ears, police said.

Anyone with information about the rapist should call police at (215) 685-3251 or 3252.
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Foreclosure less likely in Philadelphia

PHILADELPHIA. The city is among the top recipients of foreclosure prevention loans under a national program, officials said.

More than 900 Philadelphia homeowners were approved for emergency loans, with only Maryland, Connecticut and the rest of Pennsylvania obtaining more loans out of the 32 states eligible for the program this year.

In October 2011, the foreclosure rate in Philadelphia was one of out every 563 homes versus the national average of one out of every 762 homes. METRO

City to study Washington Ave., El stations

CITY HALL. Two neighborhood thoroughfares will be studied by the city Planning Commission in 2012 for how transportation upgrades might better serve South Philadelphia and Kensington, according to website PlanPhilly.

The commission will study traffic flow and congestion on Washington Avenue, PlanPhilly reported. It will also examine three areas around Market-Frankford elevated line stations in Kensington. METRO

Quoted

"Self-regulation has been a miserable failure. It is time to stop the senseless loss of life, whether it be on the waterways or highways of America."

ANDREW DUFFY, A LAWYER REPRESENTING FAMILIES OF TWO HUNGARIANS KILLED LAST YEAR IN THE DELAWARE RIVER DUCK BOAT TRAGEDY, IN RESPONSE TO A NEW FEDERAL REPORT URGING FOR NATIONAL LEGISLATION AGAINST CELL PHONE USE WHILE OPERATING A VEHICLE

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Tension rises over 'anti-Sharia' bill

Muslim leaders say Pa. proposal similar to bills in other states Opponents claim a 'conspiracy afoot'

The Council on American-Islamic Relations and city religious leaders are fighting what they call a so-called "anti-Sharia" bill. The proposal from state Rep. RoseMarie Swanger, R-Lebanon, would ban the application of foreign legal codes or systems that don't grant the same rights as the U.S. Constitution.

Though the bill itself does not explicitly reference Sharia, a memo from Swanger to all House members said, "America has unique values of liberty which do not exist in foreign legal systems, particularly Sharia law. ... Unfortunately, increasingly, foreign laws and legal doctrines — including and especially Shariah law — are finding their way into U.S. court cases."

What it's used for

Sharia is typically used as a way of dealing with estate settlements, divorce and inheritances. "The purpose ... is regulating matters among themselves," said Vic Compher of Interfaith Peace and Reconciliation. "[This bill] would be like going into the Catholic Church and saying, 'You have to allow divorce."

CAIR Civil Rights Director Amara Chaudhry called the House bill itself unconstitutional. "The Supreme Court of the U.S. already stated that religious freedom can be used to circumvent a law," she said.

Marwan Kreidie of the Philadelphia Arab-American Community Development Corp. says the legislation is similar to bills that have passed or are in litigation in seven other states.

"There's a conspiracy afoot here," Kreidie said. "Anti-Sharia laws are being introduced in 20 states by ... people who want to make Muslims in America a political wedge issue."

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Christmas. South Philly

▶ Carla Montalvo, left, and Bridget Palumbo got some holiday cheer on South 13th Street on Tuesday night.

Streets' bid for best lights in city

One of the city's annually best Christmas light displays is again lighting up a stretch of 13th Street in South Philadelphia. Homeowners have been putting on a show for passers-by for years between Tasker and Morris streets.

Feds charge 'horrors' doc in pill scam

West Philadelphia abortion doctor Kermit Gosnell, accused of killing several babies by severing their spinal cords, has now been charged by federal prosecutors for allegedly running a "pill mill."

Gosnell was originally busted in January for running the so-called "house of horrors" known as Women's Medical Society on Lancaster Avenue. According to an indictment, Gosnell and seven employees allegedly wrote fraudulent prescriptions and made $200,000. METRO/SDL

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SEPTA mulls new link in Center City along Market

◗ Would connect points north, south with Market Street West ◗ SEPTA 'traditionally ... never had a route'

South Philadelphia residents could get a faster, cheaper commute to Market Street West under a proposal being evaluated by SEPTA.

The plan involves changes to the Route 57 bus, which travels along Third Street from Whitman Plaza in South Philadelphia to Fern Rock in North Philadelphia. The new route would run west along Market Street to 20th to service people working in the Central Business District.

It is among several proposals included in SEPTA's service plan that would be implemented in Fall 2012. Charles Webb, head of SEPTA's service planning, said the agency still has to perform a cost-benefit analysis to determine the route's feasibility.

"On the east side of City Hall, we have traditionally ... never had a route that came either from the north or the south and went west," Webb said.

One concern, he said, is that riders who get off at points north of Market Street would have to transfer to another bus.

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▶ A bus linking western parts of Center City with north and south of downtown is among 2012 proposals.

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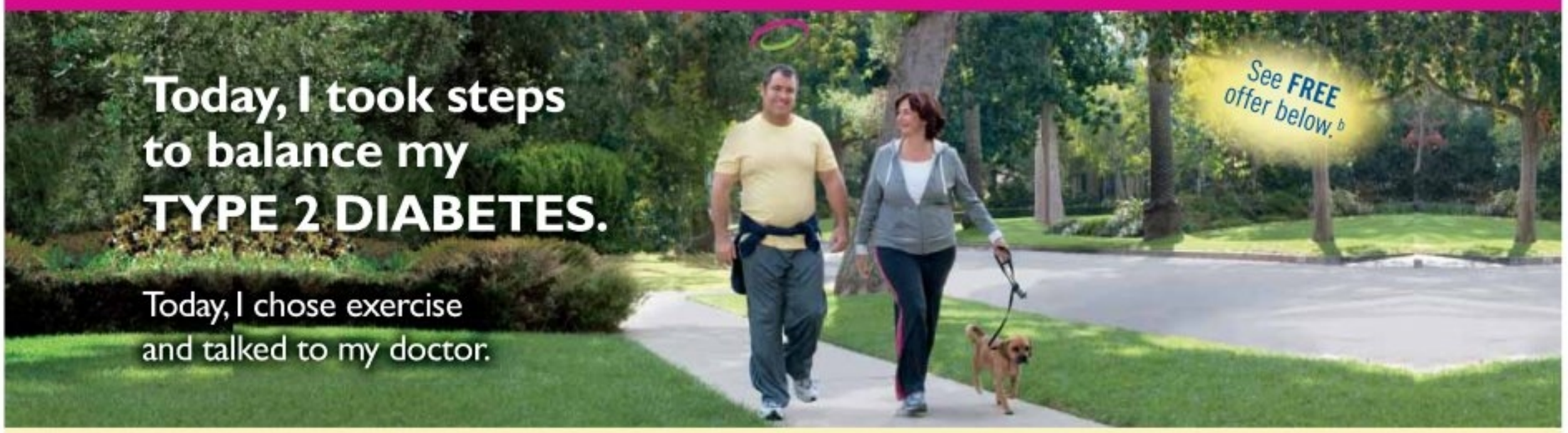

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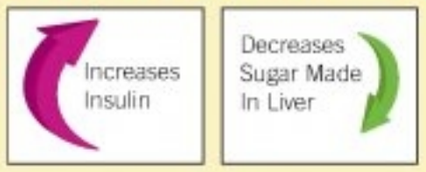

- **JANUVIA is a once-daily prescription pill that helps your body increase the insulin made in your pancreas and decrease the sugar made in your liver.**
- **Along with diet and exercise, JANUVIA helps lower blood sugar levels in adults with type 2 diabetes.**
- **JANUVIA is not likely to cause weight gain or low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).**

JANUVIA (jah-NEW-vee-ah) should not be used in patients with type 1 diabetes or with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in the blood or urine). If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas), it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting it while taking JANUVIA.

Selected Risk Information About JANUVIA: Serious side effects can happen in people who take JANUVIA, including pancreatitis, which may be severe and lead to death. Before you start taking JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you've ever had pancreatitis. Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

Do not take JANUVIA if you are allergic to any of its ingredients, including sitagliptin. Symptoms of serious allergic reactions to JANUVIA, including rash, hives, and swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty breathing or swallowing, can occur. If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away.

Kidney problems, sometimes requiring dialysis, have been reported.

If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include headache, drowsiness, weakness, dizziness, confusion, irritability, hunger, fast heart beat, sweating, and feeling jittery.

Your doctor may do blood tests before and during treatment with JANUVIA to see how well your kidneys are working. Based on these results, your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA. The most common side effects of JANUVIA are upper respiratory tract infection, stuffy or runny nose and sore throat, and headache.

Call 1-888-JANUVIA or visit Januvia.com.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA. Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

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Please see the Medication Guide on the next page and discuss it with your doctor.

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JANUVIA® (jah-NEW-vee-ah) (sitagliptin) Tablets

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What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?

Serious side effects can happen in people taking JANUVIA, including inflammation of the pancreas (pancreatitis) which may be severe and lead to death.

Certain medical problems make you more likely to get pancreatitis.

Before you start taking JANUVIA:

Tell your doctor if you have ever had

- pancreatitis
- stones in your gallbladder (gallstones)
- a history of alcoholism
- high blood triglyceride levels
- kidney problems

Stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away if you have pain in your stomach area (abdomen) that is severe and will not go away. The pain may be felt going from your abdomen through to your back. The pain may happen with or without vomiting. These may be symptoms of pancreatitis.

What is JANUVIA?

- JANUVIA is a prescription medicine used along with diet and exercise to lower blood sugar in adults with type 2 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with type 1 diabetes.
- JANUVIA is not for people with diabetic ketoacidosis (increased ketones in your blood or urine).
- If you have had pancreatitis (inflammation of the pancreas) in the past, it is not known if you have a higher chance of getting pancreatitis while you take JANUVIA.
- It is not known if JANUVIA is safe and effective when used in children under 18 years of age.

Who should not take JANUVIA?

Do not take JANUVIA if:

- you are allergic to any of the ingredients in JANUVIA. See the end of this Medication Guide for a complete list of ingredients in JANUVIA.

  Symptoms of a serious allergic reaction to JANUVIA may include:
  - rash
  - raised red patches on your skin (hives)
  - swelling of the face, lips, tongue, and throat that may cause difficulty in breathing or swallowing

What should I tell my doctor before taking JANUVIA?

Before you take JANUVIA, tell your doctor if you:

- have or have had inflammation of your pancreas (pancreatitis).
- have kidney problems.
- have any other medical conditions.
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if JANUVIA will harm your unborn baby. If you are pregnant, talk with your doctor about the best way to control your blood sugar while you are pregnant.

  Pregnancy Registry: If you take JANUVIA at any time during your pregnancy, talk with your doctor about how you can join the JANUVIA pregnancy registry. The purpose of this registry is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. You can enroll in this registry by calling 1-800-986-8999.
- are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. It is not known if JANUVIA will pass into your breast milk. Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby if you are taking JANUVIA.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription and non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

Know the medicines you take. Keep a list of your medicines and show it to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take JANUVIA?

- Take JANUVIA 1 time each day exactly as your doctor tells you.
- You can take JANUVIA with or without food.
- Your doctor may do blood tests from time to time to see how well your kidneys are working. Your doctor may change your dose of JANUVIA based on the results of your blood tests.
- Your doctor may tell you to take JANUVIA along with other diabetes medicines. Low blood sugar can happen more often when JANUVIA is taken with certain other diabetes medicines. See **"What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?"**.
- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do not take two doses of JANUVIA at the same time.
- If you take too much JANUVIA, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center right away.
- When your body is under some types of stress, such as fever, trauma (such as a car accident), infection or surgery, the amount of diabetes medicine that you need may change. Tell your doctor right away if you have any of these conditions and follow your doctor's instructions.
- Check your blood sugar as your doctor tells you to.
- Stay on your prescribed diet and exercise program while taking JANUVIA.
- Talk to your doctor about how to prevent, recognize and manage low blood sugar (hypoglycemia), high blood sugar (hyperglycemia), and problems you have because of your diabetes.
- Your doctor will check your diabetes with regular blood tests, including your blood sugar levels and your hemoglobin A1C.

What are the possible side effects of JANUVIA?

Serious side effects have happened in people taking JANUVIA.

- See **"What is the most important information I should know about JANUVIA?"**.
- **Low blood sugar (hypoglycemia).** If you take JANUVIA with another medicine that can cause low blood sugar, such as a sulfonylurea or insulin, your risk of getting low blood sugar is higher. The dose of your sulfonylurea medicine or insulin may need to be lowered while you use JANUVIA. Signs and symptoms of low blood sugar may include:
  - headache
  - drowsiness
  - weakness
  - dizziness
  - confusion
  - irritability
  - hunger
  - fast heart beat
  - sweating
  - feeling jittery
- **Serious allergic reactions.** If you have any symptoms of a serious allergic reaction, stop taking JANUVIA and call your doctor right away. See **"Who should not take JANUVIA?"**. Your doctor may give you a medicine for your allergic reaction and prescribe a different medicine for your diabetes.
- **Kidney problems,** sometimes requiring dialysis

The most common side effects of JANUVIA include:

- upper respiratory infection
- stuffy or runny nose and sore throat
- headache

JANUVIA may have other side effects, including:

- stomach upset and diarrhea
- swelling of the hands or legs, when JANUVIA is used with rosiglitazone (Avandia®). Rosiglitazone is another type of diabetes medicine.

These are not all the possible side effects of JANUVIA. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effect that bothers you, is unusual or does not go away.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store JANUVIA?

Store JANUVIA at 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep JANUVIA and all medicines out of the reach of children.

General information about the use of JANUVIA

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes that are not listed in Medication Guides. Do not use JANUVIA for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give JANUVIA to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This Medication Guide summarizes the most important information about JANUVIA. If you would like to know more information, talk with your doctor. You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about JANUVIA that is written for health professionals. For more information, go to www.JANUVIA.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

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Type 2 diabetes is a condition in which your body does not make enough insulin, and the insulin that your body produces does not work as well as it should. Your body can also make too much sugar. When this happens, sugar (glucose) builds up in the blood. This can lead to serious medical problems.

High blood sugar can be lowered by diet and exercise, and by certain medicines when necessary.

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Immigration battle to test fed powers

WASHINGTON. The Supreme Court's promised ruling next year on Arizona's immigration crackdown could turn on how much a state can intrude on federal enforcement powers.

The country's highest court agreed on Monday to decide whether federal immigration laws take precedence and so pre-empt Arizona's law boosting the power of local police to crack down on immigrants.

The Arizona law, passed in 2010, requires police to check the immigration status of anyone they detain and suspect of being in the country illegally. Other parts require immigrants to carry their papers at all times and ban people without proper documents from soliciting for work in public places. **REUTERS**

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▶ Undocumented immigrants are deported from Arizona.

States right?

Arizona Gov. Jan Brewer argues the state law authorizes cooperation with the U.S. government and that its sanctions consciously parallel federal law.

The U.S. government's top Supreme Court lawyer, Donald Verrilli, disagrees.

Obama: We leave Iraq proud

President encourages troops as they return home from site of a foreign war begun in 2003 • Fulfills one key campaign promise • But critics say he is making a mistake by sticking to withdrawal timetable drawn up by Bush

President Barack Obama welcomed home some of the last U.S. troops from Iraq yesterday, marking a symbolic end to the nearly nine-year war that strained America's armed forces and damaged its standing worldwide.

Addressing soldiers at Fort Bragg, N.C., Obama stopped short of declaring victory in Iraq but called the winding down of the conflict "an extraordinary achievement."

"It is harder to end a war than to begin one," he told about 3,000 soldiers as they punctuated his speech with cheers and hollers.

Despite lingering questions about whether the United States should have invaded the country, the last American troops "will cross the border out of Iraq with their heads held high," Obama said.

As of this week, there were about 5,500 U.S. troops left in Iraq, down from more than 170,000 at the height of the war that Obama's predecessor started in the wake of the Sept. 11, 2001, attacks.

Leaving Iraq fulfills a pledge that helped Obama win the presidency in 2008 and allows the White House to focus more on Afghanistan as well as economic worries at home, where the high jobless rate will be a major concern for voters next year.

But critics have accused Obama of ignoring warnings from U.S. and Iraqi military commanders about the dangers of a full departure by the end of this year, the timetable that Bush's advisers had laid out and to which the current president has stuck. **REUTERS**

Quoted

"Of course, Iraq is not a perfect place. But we are leaving behind a sovereign, stable and self-reliant Iraq, with a representative government that was elected by its people."
PRESIDENT OBAMA

Fallujans celebrate

FALLUJAH. Iraqis burned American flags, brandished banners and thronged the streets of the western city of Falluja to celebrate the withdrawal of U.S. troops from the former al Qaeda stronghold and site of some of the Iraq war's fiercest battles.

Some 3,000 people flooded the mainly Sunni city carrying Iraqi flags, banners with "Falluja: The City of Resistance" printed on them, and photos of Falluja residents killed by U.S. forces after the 2003 U.S-led invasion. **REUTERS**

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▶ Iraqis burn flags.

▶ U.S. President Barack Obama speaks at a tribute to the troops at Fort Bragg, N.C.

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▶ Iraqi Rafal Al-Anbagi prepares her rifle.

FAYEZ NURELDINE/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

▶ U.S. Army soldiers wait on a bus for a ride to the airport to fly back to Fort Hood.

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Tax tussle gets nastier

WASHINGTON. The United States yesterday faced the prospect of an imminent government shutdown for the third time this year as a year-end fight between Republican and Democratic lawmakers in Congress over taxes and spending turned nastier.

Democrats, led by President Barack Obama, are refusing to sign off on a bipartisan $1 trillion government funding bill that would keep federal agencies operating beyond Friday. They first want Republicans to agree to a compromise deal to extend a payroll tax cut for 160 million Americans.

The Republican bill proposes to pay for the $120 billion cost of the payroll tax cut largely by freezing federal pay and shrinking the size of the government work force. **REUTERS**

▶ Rep. Paul

Ron Paul gains ground

AMHERST, N.H. Republican presidential hopeful Ron Paul declared yesterday his campaign was "peaking at the right time" as polls show him closing in on the two perceived front-runners.

The libertarian congressman from Texas complained that pundits were dismissing his longshot campaign prematurely and sounded optimistic about catching former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney and former House Speaker Newt Gingrich. **REUTERS**

Signs of the Time: Protesters honored

In a busy year marked by popular revolt on all of Earth's habitable continents, Time magazine cover recognizes the people putting boots on the ground Editor emphasizes colossal power of collective action

From the Arab Spring to the Occupy Wall Street movement, "The Protester" was named Time magazine's 2011 Person of the Year yesterday.

Time defines the Person of the Year as someone who, for better or for worse, influences the events of the year.

"Is there a global tipping point for frustration? Everywhere, it seems, people said they'd had enough," Time Editor Rick Stengel said in a statement.

"They dissented; they demanded; they did not despair, even when the answers came back in a cloud of tear gas or a hail of bullets. They literally embodied the idea that individual action can bring collective, colossal change," he said.

On almost every continent, 2011 has seen an almost unprecedented rise in both peaceful and sometimes violent unrest and dissent.

Protesters in a lengthening list of countries including Israel, India, Chile, China, Britain, Spain and now the United States all increasingly link their actions explicitly to the popular revolutions that have shaken up the Middle East.

"They dissented; they demanded; they did not despair, even when the answers came back in a cloud of tear gas or a hail of bullets." STENGEL

Admiral William McRaven, head of U.S. Special Operations Command and overall commander of the secret U.S. mission into Pakistan in May that killed al Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, came in at second place on the Time list.

Chinese dissident artist Ai Weiwei, whose 81-day secret detention by authorities earlier this year sparked an international outcry, came in at No. 3, followed by U.S. House Budget Committee Chairman Paul Ryan. REUTERS

TIME MAGAZINE

▶ Time Person of the Year recognizes the power of the people.

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Metro readers agree!

NEW YORK. If it's good enough for Time Magazine, it's good enough for Metro readers, so it seems.

Time yesterday named The Protester as its person of the year and also yesterday, dozens of Metro readers voted for the Occupy protestors — or the 99 percent — to be named Metro's Person of the Year.

The Occupy movement has now opened a distinct, but probably not unbridgeable, gap over Apple co-founder Steve Jobs, with Congresswoman Gabby Giffords in third place.

Vote from a shortlist of Jobs, Occupy or Giffords by sending an e-mail to mwoty@metro.us.

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▶ An Egyptian nun and a woman wearing the niqab walk past security guards outside a polling station in Damanhur.

Egypt votes following overthrow

CAIRO. Rival Islamist groups sought more gains in the second round of Egypt's parliamentary election yesterday, with liberals also fighting for a voice in an army-led transition that began with the overthrow of Hosni Mubarak.

Egypt's first free election in six decades is unfolding in three stages until January. Even then, the generals who stepped in when an uprising toppled Mubarak in February will not hand power to civilians until after a presidential vote in mid-2012.

"This is the first time our vote counts," said Fatma Sayed, a government employee voting in Suez, recalling the rigged polls of the Mubarak era. "We want to retain our rights."

As in the first round, voting was largely peaceful, but a gunfight between supporters of rival candidates closed a polling station on Cairo's outskirts, a security source said. No one was killed.

Official results are not expected until Saturday or Sunday as results are collated from outlying areas. REUTERS

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The pragmatic Muslim Brotherhood, its hardline Salafi rivals and a moderate faction won about two-thirds of party-list votes in the first round. But the Brotherhood has signaled it wants a broad coalition, not a narrow Islamist front.

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THE WORD

Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Lindsay bails, but Paris Jackson fills in

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▶ Sure, she didn't make "Ellen," but Lindsay Lohan did remember to make her probation hearing yesterday. Baby steps!

Remember that "exclusive" interview **Lindsay Lohan** was going to do on "Ellen" — the only media appearance she agreed to do to promote her new Playboy magazine spread? Well, she missed it. Of course she did! Why am I wasting your time with this news? (Honestly, because nothing else is really happening. Sorry.)

Anyway, her rep says the reason she didn't make the show was because she "was delayed in Hawaii due to a travel-related issue. Lindsay offered to tape 'Ellen' tomorrow, but the show was unable to shift things around and tomorrow is their last day of taping for the season." The show's producers are less than pleased, according to Gossip Cop. "Not a call or an apology from Lindsay," a source close to the show says.

However, the producers scored a coup de grace and got **Paris Jackson** (**Michael Jackson**'s oldest child) to fill in for Lohan. It's Jackson's first solo television appearance, and it will air today. The 13-year-old talked about her role in the fantasy film "Lundon's Bridge and the Three Keys." She says her decision to act was due to her father. "My dad was in the movie 'Moonwalker' and I knew he could sing really well, but I didn't know he could act. I saw that and I said, 'Wow, I want to be just like him,'" she revealed.

She did admit that she was less than thrilled with his choice to put them in masks as kids. "I'm like, 'This is stupid. Why am I wearing a mask?'" Paris said. "But I kind of realized the older I got, like, he only tried to protect us."

Kutcher's fling admits she was wrong

Well, this is a first: A fame tart is actually admitting to doing (gasp!) the wrong thing. Despite the $200,000 she reportedly earned for dishing on her affair with **Ashton Kutcher**, **Sarah Leal** is regretting the decision to go public. "I got fired from my job. I am no longer friends with my best friend, who was my roommate, because it caused so many problems and I had to move out," Leal tells Fox411. "I had no idea what I was getting myself into." But she advises observers to think twice before rushing to judgment on her actions. "I wasn't thinking clearly. He was a good-looking guy and it was stupid," she says of the fling. "Most 22-year-old girls in my position would have done the same thing."

The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Melanie Brown is modernizing her seasonal greeting, Lindsay Lohan leads a very interesting life and Demi Moore is keeping her Twitter handle.

▶ **@OfficialMelB:** ok so i think i'm defoo going with the video xmas card,ok family lets get this done in the next week or so,will keep you guys posted!

▶ **@lindsaylohan:** Is this for real??? My friend has a trained cheetah in his car ... That's nuts!!!!!!!!

▶ **@mrskutcher:** changing my twitter name isn't a top priority right now. sorry it bothers so many of u. should I not tweet until I do?does it really matter?

Talking points

Jolie to get pregnant again?

While six kids may seem like plenty, **Angelina Jolie** and **Brad Pitt** aren't necessarily done building their family. "Nothing planned at the moment, but we just don't know," Jolie tells Marie Clare magazine. "I could end up pregnant." In the meantime, she's got plenty of nice things to say about the man in her life. "[Brad] has expanded my life in ways I never imagined. We built a family. He is not just the love my life, he is my family. I hold that very dear," Jolie says.

▶ Anthony

Marc Anthony is stressed

Jennifer Lopez has moved on from ex-husband **Marc Anthony** with the help of a younger man, backup dancer **Casper Smart**. And Anthony is reportedly "going nuts" about it, according to Us Weekly. "He has fits and tantrums and is very stressed," a source says. "[He's] lost a lot of weight." For the record, a source for Anthony insists he has "been the same weight most of his life."

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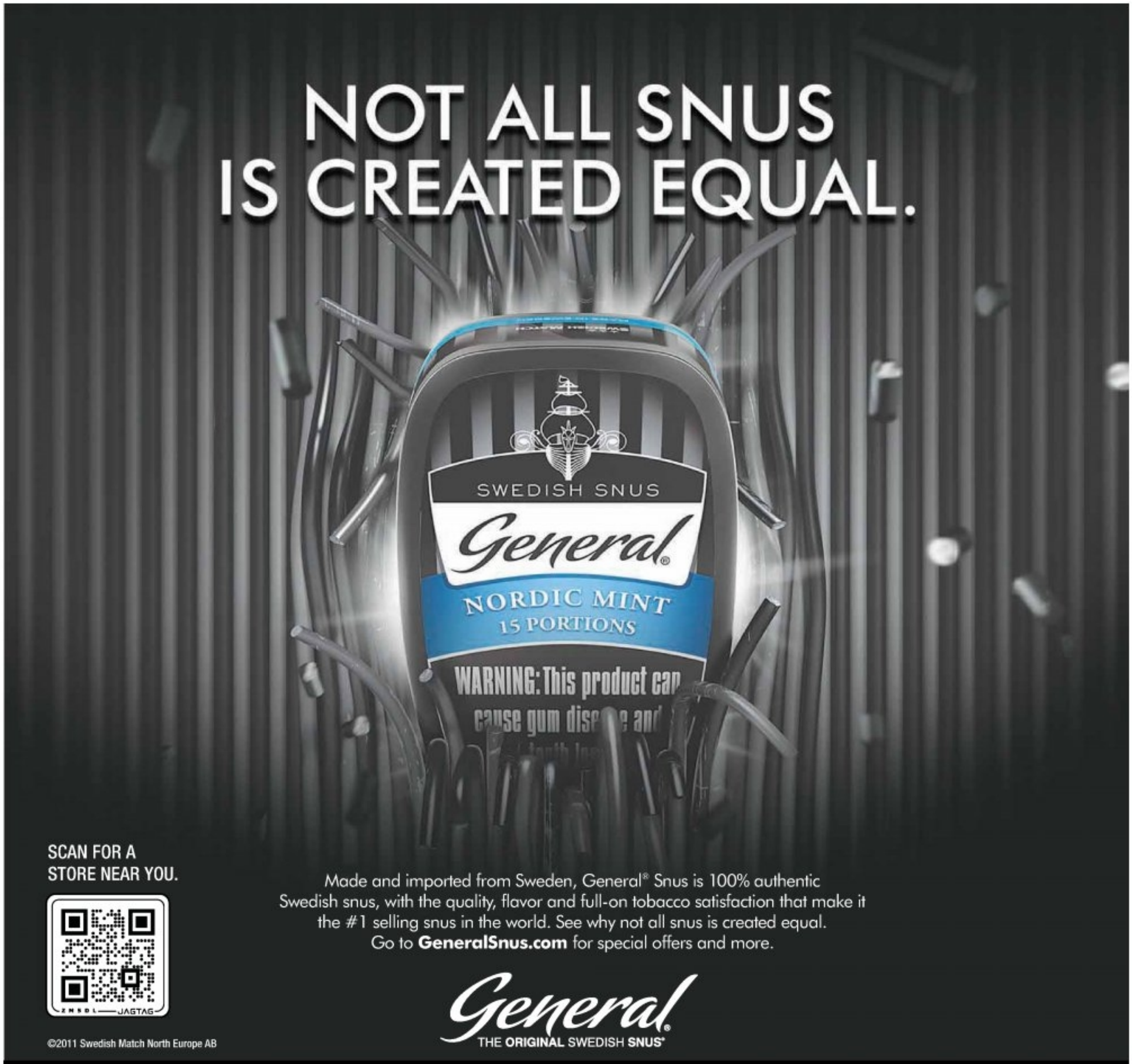
Lorre looks deep into himself

Looking back on the blowup between **Charlie Sheen** and "Two and a Half Men," the show's creator, **Chuck Lorre**, has changed his views on his former colleague and friend. "Every time he got himself into trouble, we believed that there was healing that was going to come. I certainly believed that sobriety is something that he wants in his life, and I was wrong," Lorre tells TV Guide magazine. "You couldn't do that much cocaine and work. It was heartbreaking to be around here then. I didn't want to be writing a sitcom while my friend died. Or worse, hurt someone else. We couldn't be complacent. There was a tragedy unfolding right in front of us. ... If you're looking the other way, you're responsible."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A handprint ceremony featuring four fingers

1. Anton Yelchin attended the "Hand and Footprint Ceremony" of the Smurfs at Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Hollywood, Calif., on Tuesday.

2. Melania Trump attended the Philadelphia Style Magazine holiday issue release party at The Ritz-Carlton in Philadelphia, on Tuesday.

3. LeAnn Rimes arrived at The House Of Blues where the city of West Hollywood proclaimed Dec. 13 as "NOH8 Day" on Tuesday.

4. Glenn Close attended the Giorgio Armani & Cinema Society screening of "Albert Nobbs" at the Museum of Modern Art in New York City on Tuesday.

5. Meryl Streep, who portrays former British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher in the upcoming biographical film "The Iron Lady," attended the film's New York premiere at the Ziegfeld Theater in New York City on Tuesday.

6. Audrey Tautou attended the premiere of "La Delicatesse" in Paris, France, on Tuesday.

7. Apl.de.ap of the Black Eyed Peas celebrated his birthday at The Conga Room in L.A on Tuesday. The event also saw the launch of his "We Can Be Anything" education campaign.

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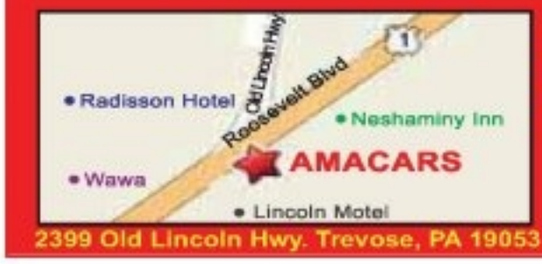

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TV watch list

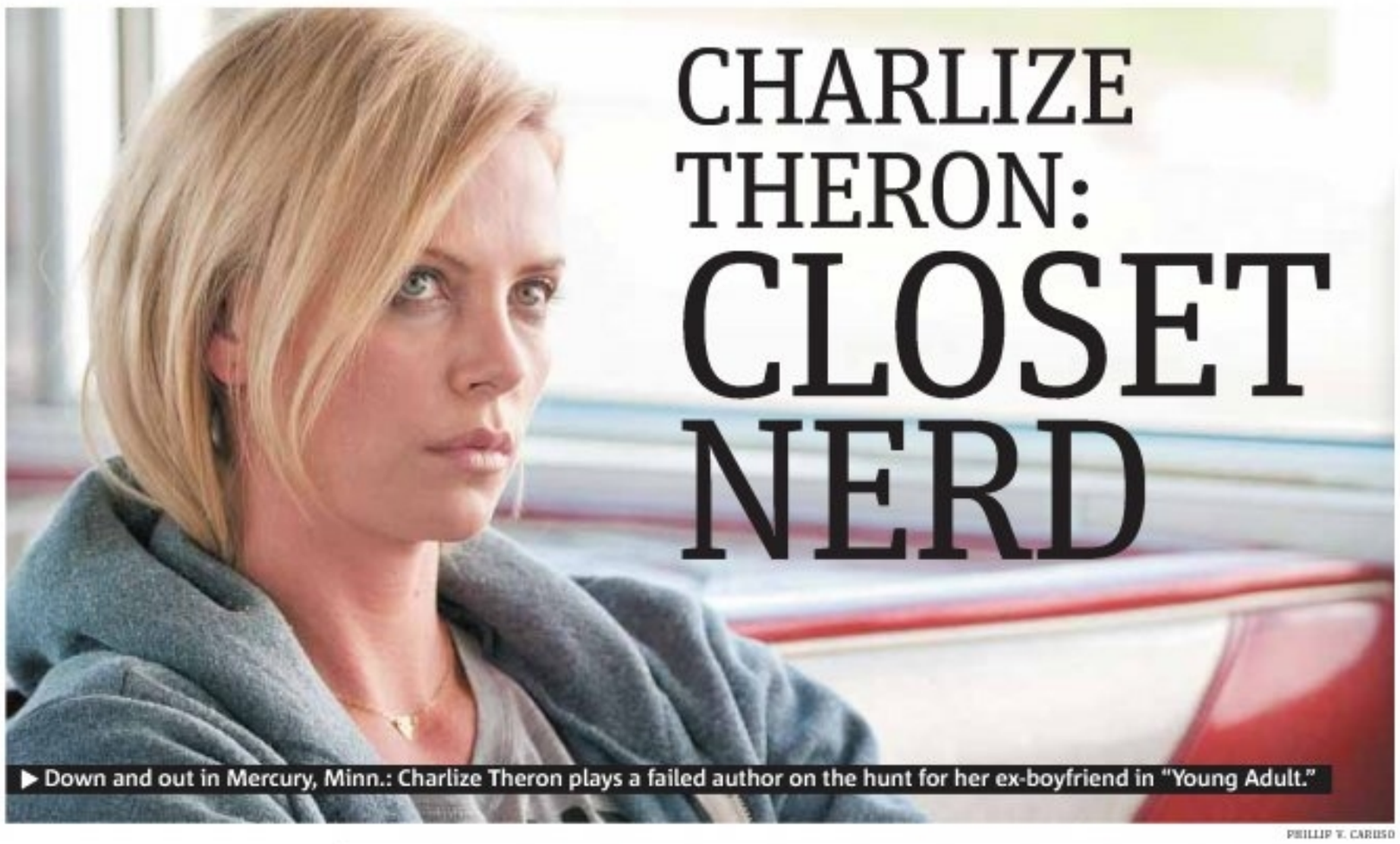
▶ Katie Couric, right, revisits the headlines of 2011 with "Bridesmaids" star Kristin Wiig.

'The Year with Katie Couric'

SPECIAL. With Katie Couric and People magazine teaming up to present this year-in-review recap, expect such significant events as the death of Osama bin Laden to receive near-equal billing with the 2011 antics of the Kardashians. **9 p.m., ABC**

'Selling Spelling Manor'

REALITY. Vacating a one-bedroom apartment in 30 days is stressful enough. Luckily for fans of spectacle, cameras were rolling when Candy Spelling sold her iconic Los Angeles estate and had a mere month to clear out her seven bedrooms, five kitchens and 27 bathrooms. Oh, and the 15 specialty areas, including a bowling alley, arcade, projection room, collector's gallery filled with more than 700 dolls and gift-wrapping room. **9 p.m., HGTV** ● AMBER RAY



▶ Down and out in Mercury, Minn.: Charlize Theron plays a failed author on the hunt for her ex-boyfriend in "Young Adult."

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CHARLIZE THERON: CLOSET NERD

- The actress on her latest film, 'Young Adult'
- Why her own high school experience wasn't ideal

In "Young Adult," Charlize Theron plays Mavis Gary, a divorced young adult author and all-around mess. She returns to her hometown to track down her high school boyfriend, now married with a new baby, in the hopes of rekindling their romance. While promoting the film, which was penned by Oscar-winning screenwriter Diablo Cody, Theron candidly revealed some of her own Mavis-like behavior.

Quoted

"I think people get kind of freaked out when they see real women conflicted. I think women are almost way more conflicted than men."
THERON

So much of the press for this film discusses what an unsympathetic character Mavis is. Can you talk about how you see her?
What I liked when I read Diablo's script was the idea of a woman who is dealing with very common mid- to late-30s issues that women can really relate to. But because of how she went through life, [Mavis] is dealing with them the way a 16-year-old would deal with them. She says things like, "Don't you know love conquers all?" I mean, it's like the typical 16-year-old would say that, and here she is, 37, trying to get her life together.

Mavis is caught up with who she was in high school. What were you like in high school?
I wasn't in the popular crowd. I was obsessed with ballet. I wore really, really nerdy glasses. ... I had a massive crush on this guy that this interviewer who just did a story on me for Vogue actually found. This guy did not know I existed in school and he was all, "Yeah, tell her the crush was mutual."

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10 Reasons to take a shopping break and hit the movies this weekend

2 'Mission: Impossible - Ghost Protocol'
Tom Cruise may be deep into his 40s, but that hasn't stopped the still impeccably fit actor from performing most of his own stunts in this fourth installment of the series. With a bombing of the Kremlin incorrectly blamed on his team, Ethan Hunt (Cruise) and his team have to go underground.

3 'Alvin and the Chipmunks: Chipwrecked'
The chipmunks and the chipettes go all "Cast Away" when marooned on an island after a cruise ship accident.

4 'Arthur Christmas'
Just how does Santa get all those presents delivered in one night? With a S.W.A.T. team of elves, of course! "Arthur Christmas" answers all the burning questions you've ever had about Claus and the gang.

Must-see

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1 'Sherlock Holmes: A Game of Shadows'
Holmes (Robert Downey Jr.) and Watson (Jude Law) pick up where they left off, and this time they're after dastardly Professor Moriarty along with Rachel McAdams and Noomi Rapace.

5 'New Year's Eve'
The director that brought us "Valentine's Day" last year turns his eye toward the other night that everyone is inevitably disappointed by.

6 'Shame'
Michael Fassbender plays a sex addict who has no trouble seeking out ways to satisfy his lusts.

7 'The Sitter'
Jonah Hill stars as Noah, a college dropout who gets suckered into babysitting three unruly kids.

8 'The Muppets'
The Muppets reunite to save the old studio that was home to the show that brought them fame.

9 'Hugo'
Martin Scorsese's venture into family film makes sense when you realize it's primarily about real-life filmmaker Georges Melies.

10 'The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn - Part 1'
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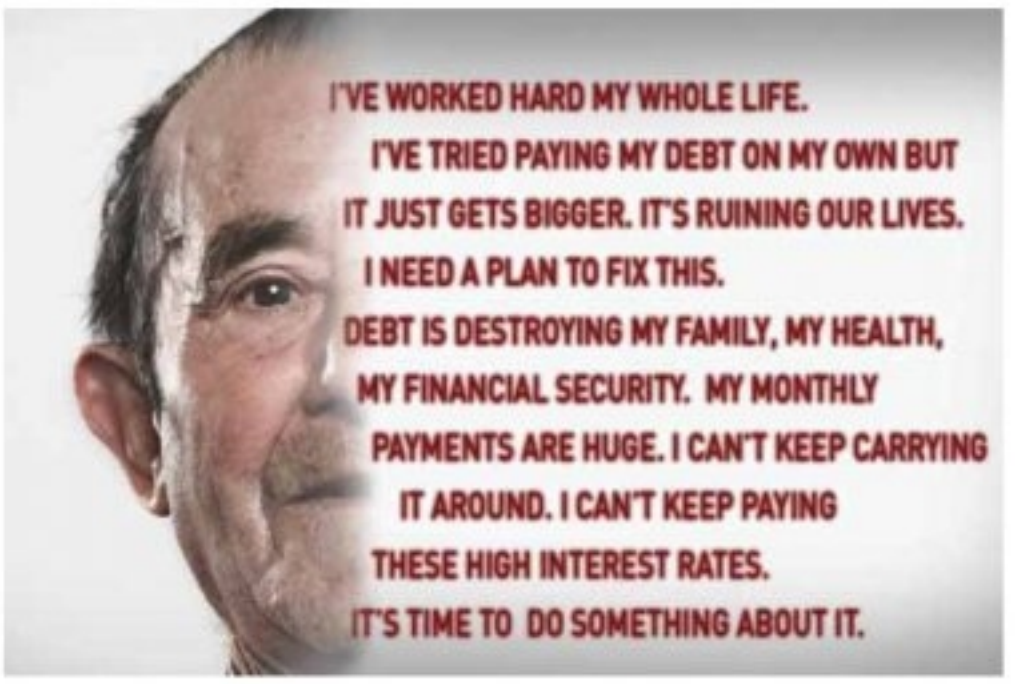
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Is it OK to call him before the first date?

You casually met a guy and you'd like to get together ◗ If you're interested in getting to know him better, go ahead and make the first move

Shrink wrap

DR. JANE GREER
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Jennifer Lopez has a new beau. She was spotted recently with backup dancer Casper Smart in Hawaii after a few weeks of dating. It's hard not to wonder, with every new couple, how they got there. Did he make it easy and call her? Did she have to consider that age-old question: Is it OK to call him? Even when you're rich and famous, you still have to make the call on whether or not you make the call.

Recently, I've been asked this question repeatedly. My answer: If you want the opportunity to get to know him — definitely. If you've just met someone but haven't yet had an official date, then I say sure, go ahead and call. He might want to be in touch with you, but his work could be bogging him down. By reaching out to him, you can rekindle his curiosity and remind him why he wanted to call in the first place. At the same time, you are letting him know that you are still looking to connect. Finally, it lets him off the hook if he thinks he missed the timing. So if you call a week later to show you enjoyed meeting him, it might just be the jump-start he needs to get things going.

Jennifer Lopez? We bet she made the first move.

If you decide to call, it moves you out of the worrying and waiting position, possibly feeling rejected. At the very least, you gave it a shot and took charge. At that point you will get your answer, because he will either respond to your gesture with a plan to get together or he won't.

*— Relationship expert **Dr. Jane Greer** is creator of **"Shrink Wrap"** – national commentary on what we can learn from celebrity relationships – and host of **"Let's Talk Sex"** at **Healthylife.net.** Her book, **"What About Me? Stop Selfishness From Ruining Your Relationship,"** is available nationwide.*

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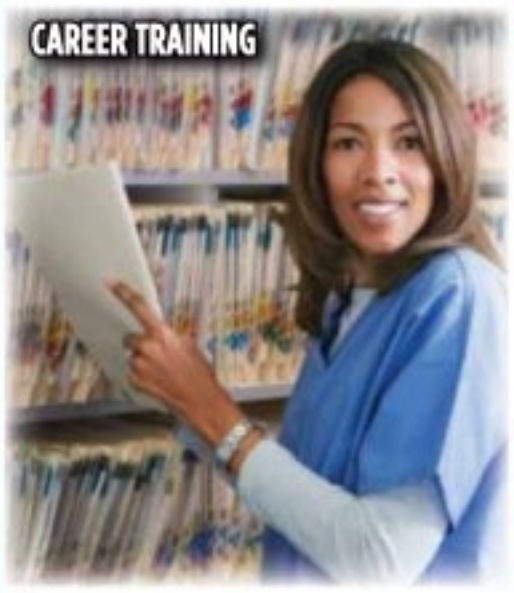

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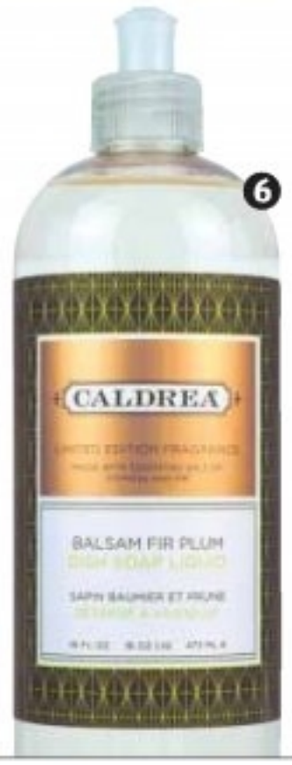

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3 Times it's OK to regift

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Most hostess gifts: These are tokens of appreciation for getting everyone tipsy and having a guest room ready to go, not necessarily personalized gifts. Feel free to pass on candy dishes, napkin rings and other home trinkets. As for booze or edibles, be judicious: Most people have terrible taste in wine and chocolate, and you don't want to be one of those people.

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Something you'd like to keep: If you only had the counter space. Or didn't have one already. Or had pierced ears. If you genuinely like and want it but won't realistically use it. Then it's OK to pass on to someone who will. That said, err on the side of gift-giving caution: It should be wrapped like you mean it and accompanied by an overpriced Etsy card that will feed an artist for a week.

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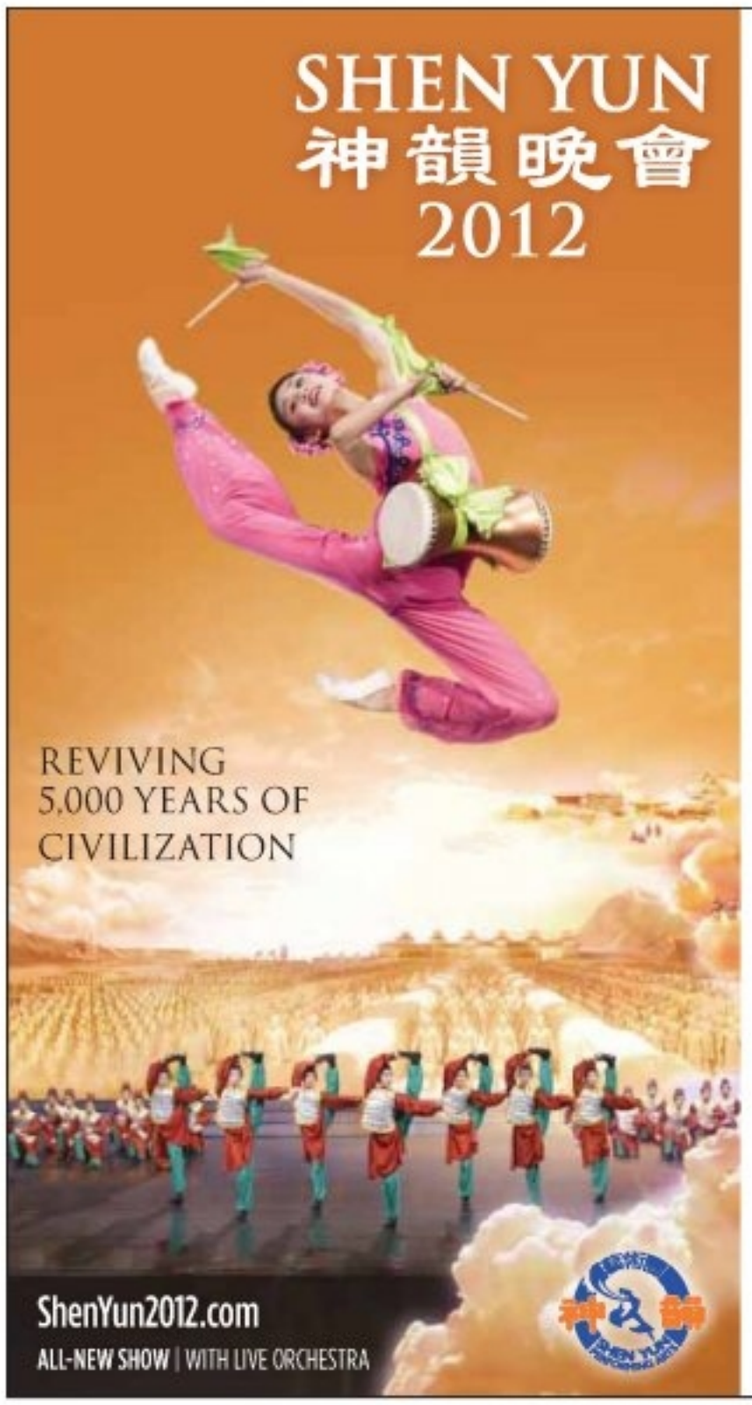

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The piano has been drinking at The Farmers' Cabinet

The Tom Waits-inspired menu is playful and not shy on the booze — just like its namesake's music

Phoebe Esmon, the head bartender at The Farmers' Cabinet, has created a cocktail list inspired by "Small Change," the 1976 album by boozy, gravel-throated, Beatnik-inspired and Grammy-winning American singer-songwriter Tom Waits. Named after song lyrics — like "Battered Old Suitcase" and "The Barstools Are On Fire" — the list includes eight inventive cocktails.

Esmon has never personally met Waits or seen him perform, but his music's deeply influenced the way she thinks about and makes drinks. "He's on the top of my I'll-die-happy-if-I-see-this-concert list," she says.

How does Waits' music lend itself to cocktails?

His first few records are barroom music. They are songs about staying up late, falling in love, being drunk, having adventures, making mistakes. You know, life. His more recent works always pushing the extremities of music and narrative, while maintaining a distinctive sense of playful irony, which is the way I approach cocktails.

What's one of your favorites?

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▶ We don't need no water: The rye whiskey-fueled "The Barstools Are On Fire" is now on the menu at The Farmers' Cabinet (1113 Walnut St.).

▶ "Battered Old Suitcase"

The Wabash Cannonball, inspired by "Jitterbug Boy." It contains fig preserves, aged rum, lemon, lavender, apple brandy and honey. The song's told from the point of view of a guy leaning on a lamp post, bragging about all the things he's seen and done — his travels and travails — and it's clear that he's mostly a broke shyster, a canny guy always on the grift. This is a well-traveled drink — in order to collect all the ingredients, some fancy footwork would be required. It'll also hit you like a train if you're not careful. The Wabash Cannonball's actually a fictional train immortalized in the eponymously named folk song.

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Q&A

If Waits were to come into the bar, which would you recommend him?

Waits doesn't drink anymore, so I'd make him a Temperance drink, which is essentially a nonalcoholic cocktail. There are thousands of reasons people walk into a bar, and not all of them are booze-related. We always offer a selection of craft sodas, in addition to a "dealer's choice" nonalcoholic cocktail.

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A victory for The War on Drugs

The Philly-based indie rockers have had a big year, and a big album with 'Slave Ambient' In 2011, even their van problems are looking up

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▶ The War on Drugs play Union Transfer on Saturday; doors open at 8 p.m. Visit www.utphilly.com for ticket and venue info.

"Can I call you back in 20 minutes? We just ran out of gas in the middle of the highway," says Adam Granduciel, the frontman of indie-rock band The War On Drugs. The incident happened last Saturday night, as the Philadelphia-based band was heading to a concert in New York City.

TWOD's been on the road almost nonstop for several months, touring in support of their 2011 album, "Slave Ambient." As with all touring bands, many unpredictable setbacks arise. And, while an empty gas tank's a big one, it's not as bad as the time the bottom of Granduciel's car fell off back in 2008. They spent the rest of the trip securing the deteriorating exhaust system with rope and guitar strings.

"When the windows were down, it was unbearably loud," Granduciel recalls. "But if we left them up we would've died from the fumes. We've been touring for so long now, the worst thing that happens these days is a late-night food decision gone wrong or a minor van problem. Everything's normally very smooth."

This is good news for Philly, because TWOD play their first show ever at the 3-month-old venue Union Transfer this Saturday night. It's the band's first time, but not Granduciel's, who played there last month with his other band, Kurt Vile & The Violators. "It's a really awesome venue," says Granduciel. "The sound system's incredible. They also have a washer and dryer in the back, so I'm really excited about finally doing my laundry."

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This weekend

Donning freshly washed clothes, TWOD will pull heavily from "Slave Ambient." With its unique mixture of experimentation and Bruce Springsteen-inspired rock 'n' roll, it's already earned high spots on several 2011 Album Of The Year lists (including those from Paste, MOJO and MTV.com).

"There were times when I didn't think it would ever be finished," says Granduciel about the album. "A year and a half later, it's great to see it received so well. We're all really proud of it, and to see it getting such great reactions makes us really happy."

Shelf life

Re Midas Corvina

What we're drinking this week: Cantina di Soave's Re Midas Corvina, a red wine made in the village of Soave in Northeast Italy, home to fertile volcanic soil and annoyingly beautiful rolling hills and castles.

It tastes like: A satisfying, no-frills holiday party red you'll be glad you invited: a little floral, a little sugar and spice — nothing to prove here. However, its sibling, Re Midas Soave, is a bit too sweet and easy-drinking — skip this one unless you have a pack of aunts who like ice in their pinot grigio.

It goes with: Go ahead and pair it with sugar cookies and limited edition Hershey Kisses or that fancy cheese plate — 'tis the season to let loose and drink for fun.

Not to mention: At $10 a bottle, you can play party Santa and make sure the bar is fully stocked.

MONICA WEYMOUTH

A gal walks into a bar

Mindy Kaling

If a performer who sings, dances and acts is historically called a triple threat, then Mindy Kaling is a quadruple threat. She writes, produces, directs and acts as outlandish Kelly Kapoor in "The Office" — which is why she needs some time to unwind. So what does she look for when she does a night out on the town?

SAMANTHA SWEENEY

Do you like to go out a lot?
"I like going out, but I'm one of those princessy people who want other people to make the plans and go on Yelp for me. I like the friends who do the party planning."

What's your drink of choice?
"They don't have it at all those places, which is annoying when I ask for it, but I like the Moscow Mule. It's like ginger beer and raw ginger; it is one of those fruity sweet drinks that has alcohol in it. I like most of my drinks to be very sweet and taste like soda with a kick."

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Metro's guide to what's happening in Philly this week

Music

The Slackers
with the Pie Tasters
Tonight, 8:30 p.m.
$15, Union Transfer
www.utphilly.com

The Wonder Years
with Man Overboard, Fireworks and Wheatus
Friday, 6 p.m.
Sold out, Union Transfer
www.utphilly.com

Mary Scholz
Friday, 9 p.m.
$15, World Cafe Live
www.worldcafelive.com

Wu Tang Clan
with Ground Up and DJ CruCut
Friday, 10 p.m.
$45, The Trocadeo
www.thetroc.com

Atlas Sound
with Carnivores and Frank Boyles
Friday, 8:30 p.m.
$15, First Unitarian Church
www.r5productions.com

Phonte and 9th Wonder
Friday, 8 p.m.
$18, The TLA
www.livenation.com

Summer Fiction
with Pink Skull and Attia Taylor
Friday, 9 p.m.
RSVP required
Johnny Brenda's
www.johnnybrendas.com

Andrew Lipke and The Prospects
with The Azreal Quartet
Saturday, 9 p.m.
$10, North Star Bar
www.northstarbar.com

Frog Holler
with The Wallace Brothers Band
Saturday, 9:15 p.m.
$10, Johnny Brenda's
www.johnnybrendas.com

Alright, Junior
with Beatnik Jr.
Sunday, 8 p.m.
$8, North Star Bar
www.northstarbar.com

Party

Making Time Holiday Freakout

A very Making Time Christmas includes a live set from headliner Spank Rock, multiple floors of DJs and dancing and, if you've been extra nice (and/or get there early) complimentary PBR and Sailor Jerry drinks.

Saturday,
9 p.m.-3:30 a.m.
Voyeur, 1221 St. James St.
$2 before midnight; $10 after
www.igetrvng.com

Food & Drink

Chanukah at Zahav
Dec. 20-28
237 St. James Place
www.zahavrestaurant.com
Chef Michael Solomonov's holiday menu ($45 per person) includes classics such as hummus with glazed brisket, latkes and young chicken al ha'esh. Or, stop by on Dec. 22 for "A Very Jewish Christmas," complete with Israeli/Chinese food ($50 prix fixe), movies and popcorn.

Arts

'The Nutcracker'
Through Dec. 31
The Academy of Music
www.kimmelcenter.org
This is your annual holiday public service reminder that the Pennsylvania Ballet's production of George Balanchine's classic is the gold standard of holiday entertainment in Phillly, no matter how great that ironic little indie production you saw was. Get over yourself already and make Santa happy.

CASINO LISTINGS

Atlantic City

Music

Jackie Evancho
Saturday, 7:30 p.m.
Trump Taj Mahal Casino Resort
$45-$95, 609-449-5150
www.trumptaj.com

Nero
Saturday, 10 p.m.
House of Blues in Showboat
$23-$28, 609-343-5700
www.showboatac.com

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▶ Jackie Evancho

Family

Brunch with Santa
Through Dec. 22,
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Atlantic City Country Club
$15-$30, 609 236-4421
www.caesars.com
A professional photographer will take pictures of the kids with Santa while the family enjoys a Sunday brunch.

Cirque Polynesian Holiday Show
Through Dec. 22
Resorts Casino Hotel
$25, 609-340-6300
www.resortsac.com
Authentic Polynesian warriors, fire eaters and hula dancers will perform, along with Cirque acrobats.

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Spirit of Christmas
Through Dec. 21
Tropicana Casino And Resort
$25-$35, 609-340-4020
www.tropicana.net
This New York-style Christmas spectacular features glittering costumes, a dazzling cast and the highest kicking chorus girls this side of the North Pole.

Sports

Super Six — The Final: Andre Ward vs. Carl Froch
Saturday, 7 p.m.
Atlantic City Boardwalk Hall
www.boardwalkhall.com
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Letters

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The Christmas war continues

RE: "'TIS THE SEASON: CHRISTMAS WAR": Metro doesn't owe Jesus an apology. Actually, I think He would thank them because they are actually acknowledging Jesus without even knowing it. The Greek letter (Greek being the language of the New Testament) "X" comes from the Greek letter Chi, which is the first letter of the Greek word "Christ." Thank you, Wikipedia.
ADAM WHELCHEL, VIA E-MAIL

If you're going to be up in arms about something being sacrilegious, maybe you should confirm first that it isn't, in fact, the opposite. Jesus is OK with Metro. **SARA PAIGE, VIA E-MAIL**

I am so frustrated with people condemning the use of "X" as in Xmas! "X" meant Christ to the early Christians — they would write it in the sand to identify themselves.
PETER LEE, VIA E-MAIL

Instead of complaining about this war on Christmas that doesn't exist, could folks concentrate on putting Christ back in Christianity? I suggest making sandwiches and soup for homeless people.
SHONDOLYN GIBSON, VIA E-MAIL

I love Christmas but enough is enough! The commercialism of this Holy Day is appalling. The late Charles Shultz illustrated the greedy nature of retailers 37 years ago in "It's the Easter Beagle Charlie Brown." Look at the banners in the stores when Marcie and Peppermint Patty are buying eggs to color for Easter: They say "Only 246 days until Xmas."
MALCOLM HANSON, VIA E-MAIL

Meanwhile, in other wars ...

Why are our police forces using all these weapons against protesters? LRAD, pepper spray, rubber bullets, tear gas, tasers, batons and now the experimental use of drones in our own country to "assess situations" ahead of an arrest — coming soon to a peaceful protest near you! You'd almost think we were in the midst of an undeclared civil war. Last I checked, we have a few rights still entrenched in our constitution. Or have these been rescinded while most of us were struggling to pay bills? My ancestors fought to establish and protect our rights. And yet every time I turn around it seems yet another group of citizens, assembled to address concerns, are aggressively attacked by pepper spray, rubber bullets, batons and tasers.
JAN OUTCALT, VIA E-MAIL

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Horoscope

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♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Although something beneficial for you is stirring, it may momentarily be screened from your view. Even some associates might know before you.
♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** In the final analysis of things, our real wealth lies in our relationships with others. You're likely to be amply blessed with dear friends.
♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** It behooves you to do what you can to please others, even if it means going out of your way. It's one of those days when genuine kindness will be rewarded.
♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** If you keep your attitude positive and philosophical, you can guarantee yourself a good day. That old saying: "Smile and the world smiles with you," will be in fine working order.
♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** There are always financial opportunities surrounding you, albeit not necessarily from previous sources. Once you find a new stream, it can be nurtured to productivity with ease.
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** Because you're shrewd — yet fair — with your counterparts when cutting a new deal, even what needs to be negotiated on a one-on-one basis can work out quite well.
♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Something you have for sale that is very attractive to another might be more valuable than both you and your prospect know it to be. Before selling anything, get it appraised.
♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Your behavior is likely to enhance your popularity. When friends and associates see the real you, they can't help but be impressed by your warmth.
♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If and when you choose to assert yourself, an unfinished endeavor can be concluded to your and everybody else's satisfaction. It behooves you to make that choice instead of lying idle.
♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** This can be an extremely productive day for you if you choose to assert yourself and work on a new project. Your enthusiasm and interests will be transmitted to the endeavor at hand.
♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** This could be a gangbusters day for amassing personal gain. You'll be adequately rewarded for anything you produce that appeals to the masses.
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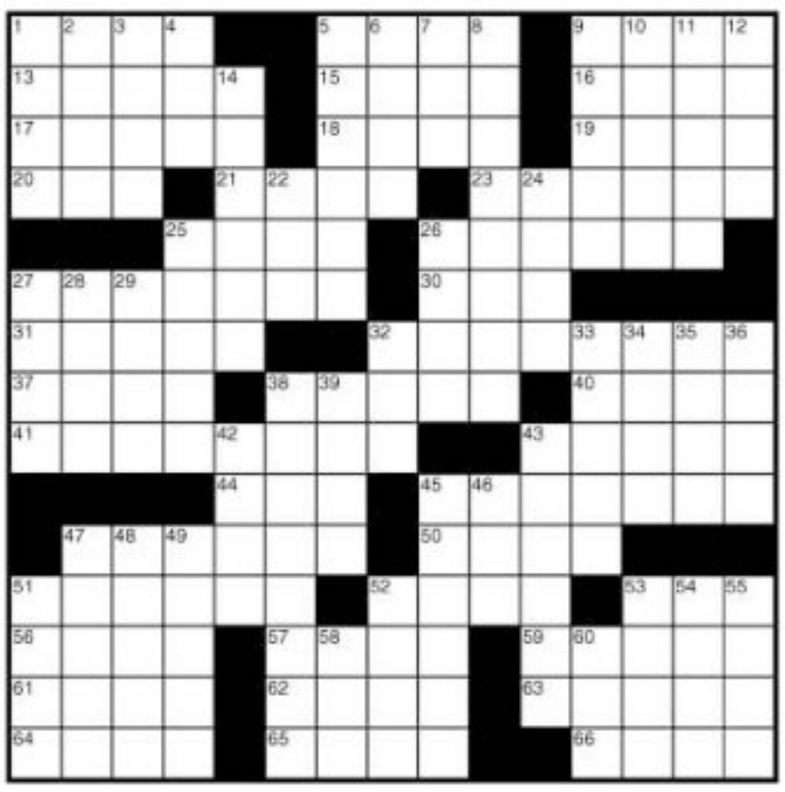

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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Andy Reid's winning percentage in the regular season (123-81-1). He has gone 10-9 in the playoffs, while guiding the Eagles to five NFC title games in 13 seasons in charge.

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Rex Ryan's winning percentage in the regular season (28-17-0). He has gone 4-2 in the playoffs, including two AFC title games in his three seasons at the helm.

From his outward appearance to his boisterous personality, Rex Ryan is larger than life.

Can the same be said of Eagles coach Andy Reid? Well, maybe the latter.

"I think both of us are extremely handsome. That's the thing that really jumps out at you," Ryan said yesterday. "They say it's a big man's game, so there you have it. Two of the biggest coaches in the league going at it."

When asked about being labeled handsome, Reid simply stated, "Eh, whatever floats."

Seriously, though, Ryan has developed a good relationship with Reid and the city of Philadelphia, going back to his dad's coaching days here. Ryan said he believes Reid is a "Hall of Fame-type coach" with the personality to match.

Problem is, that personality never seems to come across at Reid's bland press conferences.

"I think we all know, anybody who has spent any time with Andy off the field, knows that this guy has a great sense of humor, he doesn't take himself too serious, he has a great time and he's smart, he's really fun to be around," Ryan said. "I know there's different approaches, but you have to appreciate his consistency."

Different approaches, that's one way to put it. Ryan likes to beat his chest — he's twice guaranteed Super Bowl wins for the Jets — while Reid lamely defends losses by saying, "I need to put my players in better positions."

But, according to Eagles players, that style works well for Reid.

"I think you like to play for the coach that's himself," center Jason Kelce said. "Whether you're going to be charismatic out there in the media, hooting and hollering ... if that's you, that's you, be you. I think Andy, what you see on the podium, is the same guy Andy is. At no time is he ever the flamboyant, big guy hooting and hollering and guaranteeing wins."

Quoted

"I respect the heck out of Andy ... He's a tremendous coach, probably a Hall of Fame type coach. His résumé is as impressive as anybody's."

REX RYAN, ON ANDY REID

▶ Rex Ryan, left, and Andy Reid will go at it this weekend.

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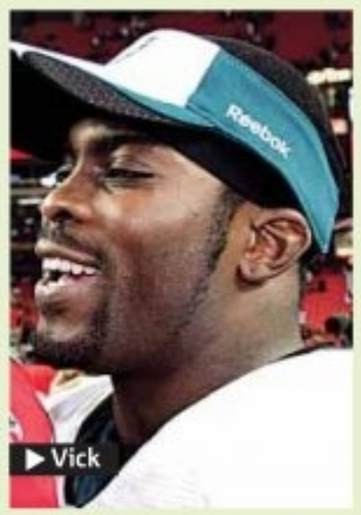
Eagles QB misses practice

Mike Vick missed yesterday's afternoon practice after leading the morning walkthrough.

Vick is still suffering soreness in his injured ribs, but did throw the ball. Eagles coach Andy Reid didn't hesitate when asked if Vick would be ready to play Sunday.

"Yeah, well he was a little tender from the game," Reid said. "Not as bad as before. He was throwing the ball out there."

Vick wasn't available for comment, but Reid said he did everything asked of him in the morning session.



▶ Vick

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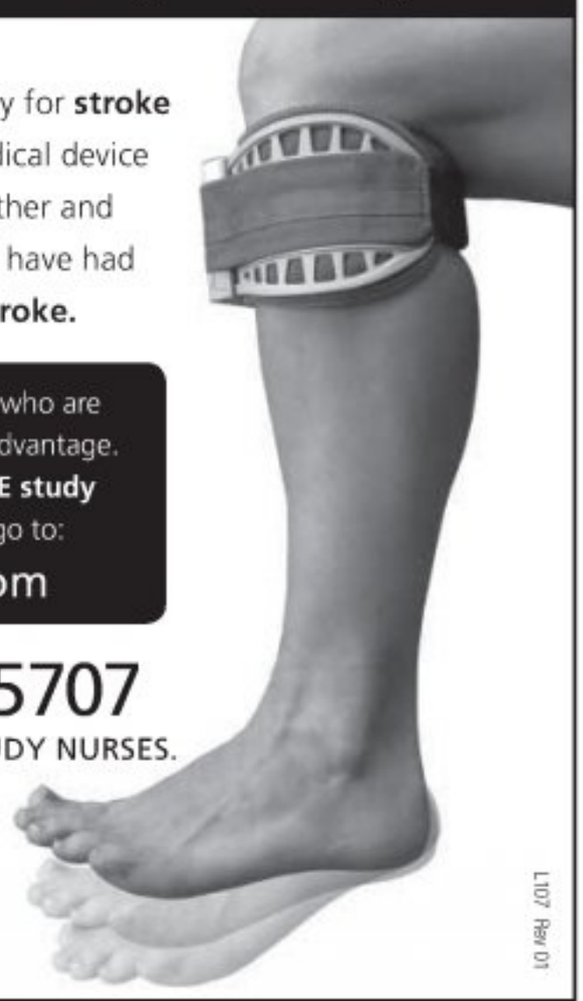

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▶ Jets linebacker David Harris is ready for Eagles' best shot.

Vick No. 1 threat to Jets

It took Jets coach Rex Ryan about 30 seconds to say what worries him most about the Eagles' offense.

"Michael Vick's the No. 1 guy, that's what jumps out," Ryan told Philadelphia reporters yesterday. "Nobody has him, there's only one Michael Vick in this league. Dynamic playmaker, can make all the throws and the way he can move is second to none in this league."

While Ryan also praised LeSean McCoy and DeSean Jackson, it's clear that his defensive game plan starts and ends with No. 7. One thing the Jets are sure to key on is Vick's recent struggles with tipped balls. The quarterback said he thinks he's had about 30 batted down this season. It's something coach Andy Reid has no concrete answer for.

"Well, you have to give credit to the defense, particularly on the tipped balls, and then we just keep working, keep working on fundamentals," Reid said. "So that's what you go about doing."

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On TV Sunday
N.Y. Jets at Eagles, 4:15 p.m. (CBS)

Two teams, one dream

This Sunday's Jets-Eagles game was supposed to be a preview of the Super Bowl, two presumed powerhouses who had a busy offseason of big name signings.

Both the Eagles and the Jets were supposed to take big steps this season, building on impressive regular seasons last year. Instead, both teams have endured their struggles. The Eagles (5-8) look all but out of the postseason — not mathematically, but realistically — while the Jets fight for one of two wild-card spots.

The luster of the matchup has worn off over the past three months, but the Eagles say it isn't a concern for their preparation.

"We don't worry about all that stuff. We worry about preparing ourselves for a good football team and coming out and playing the best we possibly can play," Andy Reid said. "I'm not into any of that other stuff."

"They've been up and down this year but we know we're going to get their best shot," Jets linebacker David Harris said. "We have to approach it that way."

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LESSONS FROM LOSING

If you blame injuries, bad luck or an unfair schedule for your team's demise, you're likely to lose again.

We need to start pointing the finger at ourselves for unsuccessful seasons. Just like a real NFL team, we have to learn from our mistakes before we can move forward.

When next season comes around, remember the pain of these failures:

Handcuffing 101

Darren McFadden's Lisfranc injury is nothing to complain about — as long as you drafted **Michael Bush** as well. The same can be said for **Fred Jackson/C.J. Spiller**, **Adrian Peterson/Toby Gerhart** and **Arian Foster/Ben Tate**. If your starting running back has a talented backup, you must reach to handcuff them. Or pay the price in mid-December.

Backs with no hands

These days, one-dimensional running backs are not worth the risk. Players like **Michael Turner**, **Shonn Greene** and **LeGarrette Blount** are wildly inconsistent because they can't function when their team trails. Their big plays are also limited.

Stash wideout fliers

Here are some top-25 players at the receiver position: **Jordy Nelson**, **Victor Cruz**, **Laurent Robinson** and **Antonio Brown**. All could have been had off the wire or late in drafts.

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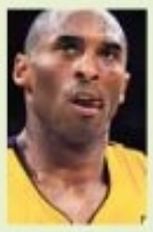
▶ Michael Bush saved the season for Darren McFadden owners.

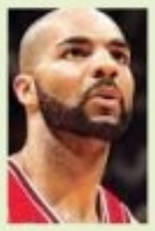
▶ Jones

Hoops is back

Here are three big names to avoid in fantasy basketball drafts:



1 Kobe Bryant, SG, LAL — Kobe's minutes sunk all the way to 33.9 last season. Thanks to the compact schedule, he'll dip to 31 or so.



2 Carlos Boozer, PF, CHI — Boozer doesn't block or steal and shoots free throws poorly. His offensive role is also declining thanks to Derrick Rose.

3 Tim Duncan, PF, SAS — Duncan is at the end of the line. He'll miss at least 15 games and be a shell of himself in others.

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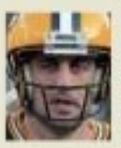

▶ **Aaron Rodgers** and the Packers play an aggressive brand of football. And they are going to attack a perfect record aggressively. Owners can safely expect the starters to play all out through Week 17. They won't pull a Colts on us.

Top NFL pickups

Felix Jones

▶ **RB, Cowboys**
With starter DeMarco Murray out for the season, Jones is fresh and the every-down back in Dallas once again.

James Jones

▶ **WR, Packers**
We always knew Jones had explosive talent. Now he gets a full-time role thanks to Greg Jennings' injury.

Jake Locker

▶ **QB, Titans**
Locker has elite running ability and a cannon for an arm. That's a always a recipe for fantasy success — if he starts.

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#2229 Tyrone D White, #3101 Thommie G Hampton, #3302 Benjamin Lee Davis,
#3412 Eric M Garner, #3309 Shahidah K Mcintosh, #2217 Sharon M Wallace

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Julia A. Steadman - #1213, Julia A. Steadman - #1233, Aisha Goss - #2110, Karin Bell - #2124, Felts D. McCoy - # 2335, Samuel M. Holmes - 2416, Isaiah Dawson - #2708, Linda M. Thompson -#3603

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Benson, Tanya	1003	Furman, Leroy	1064	Tucker, Mark	1012
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C310 Thomas Lavin • D405 Mark Mitchell • A015 Hope Salsbury
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A336 Jason Weinstein • A431 Elaina Blum • A631 Thomas Curtis
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▶ Holiday averaged 14.2 points per game last season.

Sixers back in the spin cycle

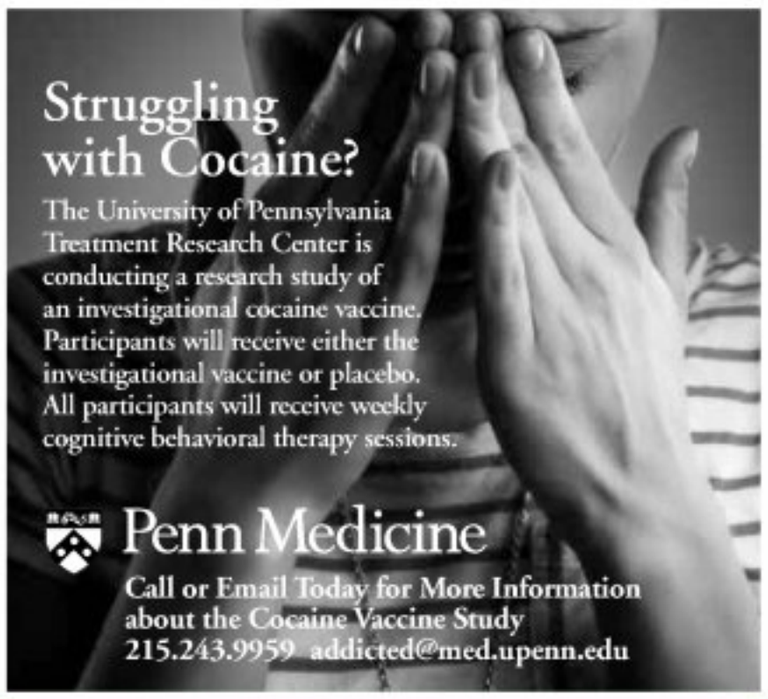
Point guard Jrue Holiday shows off for the cameras during the Sixers' media day event yesterday at PCOM. "I think [the lockout] hurt everybody, but for us it kind of brought us closer together," Holiday told reporters. The team opens the preseason Friday (7 p.m.) in D.C. and the regular season Dec. 26 in Portland.

Sixers set TV slate, all 66 to be televised

The Sixers have six home games that will air nationally on ESPN for the 2011-12 season.

Those home dates include: March 2 vs. Golden State, March 4 vs. Chicago, March 16 vs. Miami, March 21 vs. New York, March 23 vs. Boston and April 7 vs. Orlando). In addition, Comcast SportsNet will carry 60 of their games, with The Comcast Network picking up the remaining six. All 66 games will be available in high-definition.

Comcast SportsNet will air both preseason games, including Friday's game against Washington. METRO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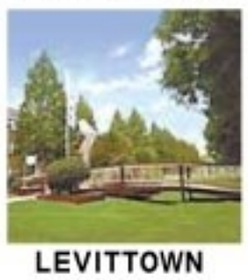
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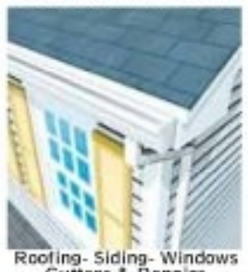
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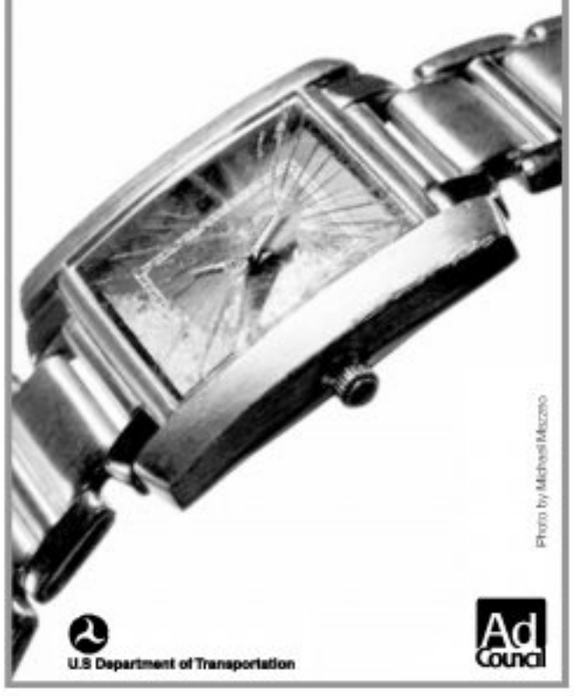
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